

# SECRETARY O'LEARY THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION'S MATERIAL GIRL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Kansas [Mr. TIAHRT] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, Secretary O'Leary is the Clinton administration's material girl. Secretary O'Leary has taken 16 overseas trips since she has taken office. She has been gone 130 days. That is, amazingly, 50 percent more time overseas than Secretary of State Warren Christopher, who is responsible for foreign relations and responsible for foreign policy.

There is no material reason why the "material girl" spends so much time overseas. The Secretary of the Department of Defense is responsible for the storage of civilian and Department of Defense nuclear waste. She is responsible for the national energy labs, power marketing administrations, and storage of strategic oil reserves. But Clinton's material girl, all her responsibilities are domestic. Domestic responsibilities.

But Secretary O'Leary has leased a luxury jet, the same luxury jet that Hollywood's material girl, Madonna, uses. Let us look at one of the trips she spent on the Madonna jet. She went to South Africa. She was gone 10 days. She took 51 staffers, 58 guests, a total of 109 people. Photographers were hired. They hired video crews to record the whole event. The cost to the American taxpayer, \$560,000.

Now, Vice President GORE has tried to defend Secretary O'Leary's travels, and he has said her trips have created thousands of American jobs and billions of dollars in contracts, so I think it should all be in perspective. Well, early in the year, when I was debating Secretary O'Leary on the MacNeil-Leher report, she stated she had produced \$19.7 billion in business contracts. Last month she revised that down to \$10 billion. Now we find out it is closer to \$1.4 billion, and those are only signed letters of intent, not signed contracts. And a large part of that \$1.4 billion is claimed by Secretary Brown. In fact, he is taking full credit.

Well, the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. HOKE] and myself have requested a General Accounting Office audit to find out how this horrible waste can be accounted for. The material girl has spent millions of dollars in travel, but it does not stop there. Secretary O'Leary hired one of her personal friends, after laying off thousands of people, she hired her for a job title she created called the Department of Conflict Resolution Ombudsman at \$93,166 per year plus \$12,000 a year living expenses.

We did not know about that part of the material girl when 80 of us called for her resignation. We thought that was bad enough, because at that point she had just hired a private investigative firm to develop an unfavorable list, for \$56,500. A list of Congressmen

and reporters that she could work on a little. That should have been enough, but even after the travel there is more.

We have found out that the material girl has redirected \$500,000 from the Department of Interior to the Government of India so that they can clean up the Taj Mahal before she arrived. A half a million dollars to clean up the Taj Mahal.

Well, this is just the tip of the iceberg. This reflects the mismanagement that is going on within the Department of Energy. It is time to turn the lights out at the Department of Energy. It is time for Secretary O'Leary to resign.

□ 2100

## RACISM IN AMERICA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois [Mrs. COLLINS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, it is seldom that I take the floor to do special orders, but today I feel compelled to do so because of the rapidly escalating mean-spirited activities that I have read and heard about that are occurring in our country.

On Saturday morning when I went to my front door to pick up my newspaper I was appalled to see in bold letters the following headline "3 White Soldiers Held in Slaying of Black Couple." According to the news report, Michael James and Jackie Burden were just walking down the street at 12:30 Thursday morning in a black neighborhood in Fayetteville, NC, when three white paratroopers who were "cruising the streets of Fayetteville searching for blacks to harass" shot them in the head.

The article went on to say that one of the soldiers "made no secret of his white supremacist views . . . and during his off-duty hours . . . associated with four or five other soldiers who all wear black boots with white laces and red suspenders, a style that represented an unofficial skinhead uniform."

A few months ago I was greatly disturbed when it was reported that agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms displayed racist signs at their summer outing. Earlier, the fact came to light that some employees of the Dennys restaurant chain had refused to serve a busload of black church people and had given clearly discriminatory service to members of the U.S. Secret Service who just happened to be black.

Last week I picked up the Roll Call newspaper and was alarmed to find on the front page an article entitled "Police Probe Anti-Semitic Incident by House Pages" which stated that "The Capitol Police department is conducting a criminal investigation into an act of anti-Semitic vandalism at the House page dorm". It appears that some of the pages got into a dispute and one found a swastika on his door the next

day. While it is not unusual for teenagers to sometimes find themselves in disputes with their peers, but it is alarming to see young teenagers resorting to such hateful means of expressing their disagreements.

I have recounted these stories which are a minute illustration of the myriad incidents that are occurring throughout the Nation because I am concerned about America. Nowadays I don't hear the real Americans speaking out against the racism which has been resurrected and is rearing its ugly head with a roar.

I am concerned because when many of those in this body speak of cutting destitute families off welfare, it is not really about the green buck, but about the black face.

I am concerned because when we discuss the issue of school prayer, it may not really be about prayer itself, but about to whom we pray.

I am equally troubled because some misguided black folk are engaging in reactionary hatred. Racism is un-American from whatever source.

As a Nation, we hold ourselves out to be tolerant of others and their beliefs. We pride ourselves on being the melting pot of the world, we declare that all men are created equal and that we each have the unalienable right of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; and yet America is allowing these atrocities to continue—and I don't hear the leadership in this Congress or in this country speaking out against them.

We are currently deploying young men and young women in the prime of their lives to Bosnia in an effort to bring peace to that part of the world, while at the same time, some racially-crazed military personnel right here in America are modern-day lynching black folk.

We sing that we are the land of the free and the home of the brave, but black America is not free and those who set out to purposefully do us harm are not brave.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Minnesota [Mr. RAMSTAD] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. RAMSTAD addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

## THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF SWEARING IN OF FIRST BLACK MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Oklahoma [Mr. WATTS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I see my colleague, the gentleman from Maryland [Mr. MFUME], who is still here in the Chamber, and I extend to my colleague from Maryland, who is my colleague and my friend, I extend to him my sincerest best wishes as he takes on a new challenge in his life in leading the NAACP into the 21st century. Over the last 11 months, I have